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SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR ABORTIONS BY INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

1. IT HAS BEEN THE LONG-STANDING AND CONSISTENT POLICY FOR THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES IN FEDERAL MEDICAL FACILITIES, THAT SERVICES SHOULD BE PROVIDED WHICH CORRESPOND WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE WHERE THOSE FACILITIES ARE LOCATED. IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN HOSPITALS IN THE RECEPTION CENTERS YOU SHOULD FOLLOW THIS PAST PRACTICE. THIS MEANS THAT WHERE A REFUGEE REQUESTS EITHER A THERAPEUTIC OR ELECTIVE ABORTION IT MAY BE PERFORMED IN SERVICE FACILITIES WHERE STATE LAW PERMITS. CIVILIAN COORDINATORS MUST ASSURE THAT REQUESTS FOR ABORTIONS ARE COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY AND THAT APPROPRIATE COUNSELING AND CONSENT HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

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2. ABORTION IS A MEDICAL PROCEDURE AND SHOULD ONLY BE PER-

FORMED BY A DULY LICENSED PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON IN AN ACCREDITED HOSPITAL. COMPETENCY OF UNIFORMED SERVICE PHYSICIANS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE HOSPITAL COMMANDER OR DIRECTOR.

3. NO PHYSICIAN OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL SHOULD PERFORM ANY ACT WHICH VIOLATES GOOD MEDICAL JUDGMENT. NEITHER PHYSICIAN, HOSPITAL, NOR HOSPITAL PERSONNEL SHALL BE

REQUIRED TO PERFORM ANY ACT WHICH VIOLATES PERSONNALLY HELD MORAL PRINCIPLES.

4. IN THE EVENT THAT A UNIFORMED SERVICE FACILITY SERVING INDOCHINESE REFUGEES CAN NOT PERFORM ABORTIONS OR ANY OTHER MEDICAL PROCEDURE UNDER EXISTING POLICY, OR DOES NOT HAVE ADEQUATE CAPACITY, CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE BY PHS WITH DULY LICENSED PHYSICIANS AND ACCREDITED FACILITIES IN THE AREA. KISSINGER

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